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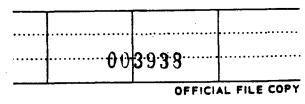
Re: SCP-Carldstadt Site, Administrative Orders Index Nos. II-CERCLA-50114 and II-CERCLA-60102

Dear Mr. Weil:

On January 23, 1989, members of the Technical Committee representing Respondents for the above-referenced Orders and representatives from ERM met with EPA to discuss the "Treatability Study Sampling Plan" and the "Scope of Treatability Studies" plan. This letter serves to clarify your letter, dated January 24, 1989, outlining the agreements reached at that meeting.

At the meeting, EPA informed you that the Agency cannot approve any sampling or treatability testing (including raw sample analysis and the treatability study procedures) prior to the receipt and review of the revised Treatability Study Sampling Plan and the Scope of Treatability Studies plans. You agreed and understood that any work performed prior to EPA's formal written approval is being conducted at your own risk. In order to ensure that the revisions were consistent with the agreements reached, EPA personnel intended to meet with ERM to review draft revisions of the Treatability Study Sampling Plan and the Scope of the Treatability Studies plan on January 25 and January 27, 1989, respectively.

Although EPA and ERM did meet on January 25, 1989 concerning the Treatability Study Sampling Plan, as of January 30, 1989, ERM has not completed the revision for the Scope of the Treatability Studies plan. The meeting has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 1989. EPA is concerned that since the samples have already been collected, analyses will have been initiated prior to the laboratories' and the treatability testing contractors' receipt of the analyses requirements, procedures and protocols as set forth in the treatability study plans. EPA therefore urges you to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the analyses performed by the laboratories are consistent with the revised plans.



As agreed, upon receipt of the revised plans, EPA will review the plans and inform you as to their sufficiency. Should EPA find the plans deficient, you agreed that, at EPA's direction, samples would have to be re-collected and any information gathered would be disregarded and could not be incorporated into the Treatability Study and/or the Feasibility Study (FS).

At this time I bring to your attention that Respondents should have submitted to EPA the Phase I, Interim Status Report for the FS on January 27, 1989. To date, EPA has not received this report. Please submit this report as soon as possible as EPA intends to discuss the progress of the FS at our next meeting on February 9, 1989.

If you have any questions, please contact Janet Feldstein or James Schmidtberger, of my staff, at (212) 264-2646.

Sincerely yours,

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